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Letter dated 13 February 2013 from the Permanent Representative to the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to write to you on some international media reports indicating the baseless allegations of arms transfer from the Islamic Republic of Iran to al Shabaab militants in Somalia. These allegations seem to have appeared first in the latest report of the Monitoring Group on Somalia.

In this regard, I wish to bring to your attention, that the allegations on arms transfer from Iran to Somalia are absurd fabrications and have no basis or validity. Thus, it is categorically rejected by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

It is unfortunate that the Monitoring Group has, in an obvious irresponsible manner, put such unfounded allegations and strange fabrications in its report, without first bothering itself to communicate them to my Government. It is further regrettable that the content of the report is leaked to the media for propaganda purposes. This malicious campaign, which is done in the name of the United Nations, endangers the credibility of the Security Council along with that of the United Nations.

It is, therefore, my country's expectation that the Sanctions Committee and the Monitoring Group will address this unfair move and remedy the issue by making the necessary corrective measures.

I would be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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